

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, last night I attended the 8th grade graduation of my son and I missed rollcall vote 214, the amendment by Mr. VISCLOSKEY to bar economic support funds to countries which block or interfere with the transportation of humanitarian aid passing through humanitarian aid corridors.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on the amendment.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3540) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes:

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to this amendment.

This is an amendment without a purpose. If the amendment's author wishes to save money, it is not at all apparent that this amendment will accomplish this. Indeed, the spending ceiling in this amendment is identical to the development assistance now allocated for India for the current year.

If, on the other hand, the author's purpose is to promote human rights in India, not even the author can persuasively argue that his amendment will force the Government of India to respect human rights. No one who knows India thinks that pressure of this sort is likely to force India to bow to our demands. To the contrary, no Indian Government could stay in power for 24 hours if it were seen to be bowing before American bullying.

Instead, this amendment will have only negative effects. It will disrupt our bilateral relationship with a major power. It will lessen our ability to make our voice heard in New Delhi on human rights and other important issues. And it will reduce the administration's flexibility in providing assistance to the poorest segments of Indian society.

Finally, the timing of this amendment could not be worse. A new Indian Government was just sworn in last Saturday. This government faces a vote of no confidence next week.

Do we wish to inaugurate relations with this new government by offering it a slap in the face?

Do we wish to push this new government, in the days before a crucial vote of no con-

fidence, into a nationalistic, anti-American response?

The answer to these questions can only be no.

So I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment. Its purpose is unclear but its likely effects are absolutely certain: it will damage our relationship with a major power and a new government without in any way advancing American interests.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LT. GEN. ARTHUR E. WILLIAMS

HON. VIC FAZIO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Williams.

Since August 1992, Lieutenant General Williams has served his country as chief of engineers and commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His distinguished career in the U.S. Army spans a period of 34 years, including service as corps commander at the Sacramento District. I regret to see Lieutenant General Williams leaving his role at the Army Corps of Engineers, however, I congratulate him on a well-earned retirement.

I am fortunate to know Lieutenant General Williams both as a leader of the corps and as a friend. Among his many accomplishments with the corps, Lieutenant General Williams has made noteworthy contributions to the critical mission of flood control. His tireless efforts have served to protect thousands of Americans from life threatening natural disasters.

Lieutenant General Williams will long be remembered for his leadership, dedication, cooperation, and knowledge. He has truly been a superb commander. I wish him well in all future endeavors. I also wish his successor the best of luck—they will have a tough act to follow.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

HON. BILL EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted today to take the floor of this great body in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of VFW Post 5896 in Farmington, MO. Few things give me greater pleasure than to offer my thanks and appreciation to those who have placed their lives on the line for this Nation, and I am very proud of my constituents who have served so bravely.

Every veteran is a source of strength and pride for our country. The courageous men and women who fought our Nation's battles secured the principles upon which this great

Nation was built. Millions of people around the world enjoy the blessings of freedom, peace, and representative government because of our veterans who were willing to risk their lives for them.

Mr. Speaker, VFW Post 5896 has, for the last 50 years, been an organization that inspires and strengthens the people of southeastern Missouri. The members of that organization have not only been great warriors, they have been great citizens. They have shown us that not only are the principles of democracy and freedom worth fighting for, they are worth living out. Each and every day—in our local communities, churches, families—these veterans are the pillars and foundation of our society. America is deeply indebted to them—not only for the wars that they have fought, but for the lives that they have lived. They continue to teach us, each and every day, what it means to be an American.

Mr. Speaker, it is with much pride and a grateful heart that I say "Happy 50th Birthday" to VFW Post 5896. They are surely Missouri's—and America's—finest.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRED HEINEMAN

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. HEINEMAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 5, 1996, due to an error, I was incorrectly recorded on the Radanovich amendment to H.R. 3540, the fiscal year 1997 Foreign Operations appropriations bill. The record reflects a "no" vote on rollcall vote No. 217. I request the record reflect I intended to vote "yes" and emphasize my strong condemnation regarding the atrocities that were committed against the Armenian people by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1923. Turkey should acknowledge that these atrocities occurred and until they do, the United States should limit the amount of assistance that is given to them.

HONORING CARRINGTON WILLIAMS

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 1996

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to Mr. Carrington Williams, who is and continues to be an outstanding member of the northern Virginia community. A founding member of the Washington Airports Task Force, Mr. Williams is retiring from this group after serving for many successful years as chairman of the board, a position he has held since 1982. He is also a former member of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority's board of directors and served as chairman of its Planning

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